

A wedding of interest to this community occurred in Pendleton last Saturday when Miss Lucille Weeks, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Weeks, became the bride of Walter Roseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roseman of Glad, S. Dakota. The service was read at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Louis C. Kerby. The bride wore a beautiful brown and tan ensemble. Only members of the immediate family were present for the ceremony. The young couple will make their home at 308 S. E. Byers Avenue. Mr. Roseman is employed by Eugene Boylen.

The Pumpkin Center Telephone company held a meeting at the A. H. Cable home December 11. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and other important business was transacted.

George Beddow of the East Oregonian staff spent several days in this district and neighboring districts this week.

The Farm Bureau pot luck and social meeting held in Columbia club rooms Sunday afternoon was not as well attended as was hoped, due no doubt to the great amount of illness in the community. However, a fine dinner and pleasant time is reported. The next pot luck with a business meeting will be held in the evening, January 15.

Cold Springs school is reported to be closed until after the Christmas holidays. Early closing is due to the flu epidemic.

Local people working at the turkey pool will have a reprieve. The turkey pool closed Thursday. The next pool will begin, it is reported, January 2, when three more carloads of turkeys are expected to be shipped.

Mrs. Mabel Weeks and family attended a dinner held in Pendleton Sunday in honor of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roseman, who were married Saturday. The dinner was at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. J. Wilbur. There were 29 relatives and close friends present at the 6 o'clock dinner. The beautifully decorated wedding cake was cut by the bride.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Rounds and two children of Spokane stopped here last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William English. They were en route to Portland to make their home. Rev. Rounds will be chaplain for the CCC in zone 4, which includes Stanfield and other camps near here as well.

The Bud Hooker family is ill with the exception of the baby. All are reported to be improving.

Tree trimming and any repairs that may be needed are being given the Pumpkin Center Telephone lines. It is hoped to eliminate the interrupted service of the lines.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox spent Sunday at Lexington with Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Van Winkle are sisters and the Van Winkles live at their childhood home owned by their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marvin of Hermiston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maffei.

Betty Cornutt, who has spent the past three weeks at the John Jendrzewski home, left Monday for Portland where she will visit with a brother until her father, who has several days more of turkey grading here, joins her. They will go on to Eugene and spend Christmas with her sister before returning to their home at Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maffei were business visitors in Pendleton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moody of Pendleton were visitors Sunday evening at the Tom Melton home.

Ruth McCulley is reported to be back in school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon and daughters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin at an oyster supper Tuesday evening at the Martin home east of Stanfield. The occasion was Mr. Martin's birthday. Mr. Martin's mother was also present.

Mrs. W. O. Miller of Umatilla spent Monday with Mrs. R. B. Wilcox. She left this week for Portland to spend Christmas with her son Lloyd and will probably make her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woodward have been called several times the past week because of the critical illness of Mrs. Belle Caldwell, Mrs. Woodward's grandmother.

Columbia school closed Tuesday until after Christmas holidays on account of the flu epidemic.

Mrs. Mary Harr is reported ill at her home.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOUND IN HERALD

Readers of the Hermiston Herald this week will find numerous small Christmas cards from Hermiston merchants who are taking this means of wishing all their customers and friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This custom is becoming more popular each year and subscribers have voiced their approval of past issues.

The Herald staff joins these merchants in their wish and urges that readers take time to read the story content of each individual card.

CONSTRUCTION OF MUNITIONS DEPOT DRAWS CONTRACTORS

DEFENSE PROJECT IS OUTSTANDING

According to recent reports coming from Washington, D. C., two fat contracts are about to be awarded to Oregon firms provided Oregon contractors measure up to the jobs. The story, which was written by John W. Kelly, Washington correspondent, lends weight to the fact the early construction of the Hermiston munitions depot is being planned.

According to Mr. Kelly, the first contract to be awarded is for the construction of a magazine depot for the Pacific northwest to be located in the Hermiston-Umatilla area and involving \$9,000,000, and the other the cantonment, etc., for the Pendleton air base costing approximately \$1,500,000. Not so certain to go to Oregon contractors is the 750-bed hospital and a group of associate buildings at Vancouver, even though Vancouver is in the Portland area.

A new policy adopted recently in Washington is to give, whenever possible, local contractors first chance on building projects within their state. Rival contractors from Portland are now in the national capital and are after the ammunition depot job, which consists of excavations, concrete beehives (650 of these igloos), 100 miles of highway, and 30 miles of railroad. This is the outstanding defense project of the northwest in the matter of dollars.

It represents more money than the assessed valuation of Morrow county, or Deschutes, or Sherman, or Gilliam, or Josephine, or Hood River, or Grant, and more than Crook and Curry combined. That gives some idea of the cost of this munitions dump.

There is an insurance bureau in downtown Washington which has a file on the history of every general contractor. This is being quite generally consulted by government officers.

COLD WAVE HITS HERE IN EARNEST

The Hermiston area had its first severe cold spell during the past week with the minimum coming Saturday when the thermometer dropped to 5 above. The day before gave an indication as to what was coming when 6 above was recorded. However, the cold snap let up a little towards the middle of the week, with a minimum of 20 coming Wednesday.

Traffic became considerably dangerous Wednesday evening when a rain came late in the day and was frozen before nightfall. Cars were seen skidding about the streets, making traveling difficult.

The report follows:

| Date | Max. | Min. |
|-------------|------|------|
| December 12 | 32 | 10 |
| December 13 | 32 | 6 |
| December 14 | 23 | 5 |
| December 15 | 25 | 19 |
| December 16 | 25 | 17 |
| December 17 | 30 | 9 |
| December 18 | 37 | 20 |

SCOTT AWARDED 50-YEAR JEWEL

A joint meeting of the Echo, Umatilla, Stanfield and Hermiston A. F. & A. M. lodges was held Tuesday night in the local lodge hall. A highlight of the meeting came when James Scott of Hermiston was awarded a 50-year jewel pin. Following the regular meeting, refreshments were served.

Recently elected officers of the Hermiston lodge are: Worshipful Master, Gerald White; Senior Warden, David Mittleldorf; Junior Warden, J. V. Villermore; Secretary, H. T. Fraser and Treasurer, F. B. Swayze.

HOLIDAY DANCE TO BE SATURDAY

The first of a series of Hermiston park benefit dances will be held Saturday night in the park hall. The event has been slated as a pre-Christmas holiday dance with the Troubadors furnishing the music. The committee in charge promises that the hall will be well heated. Popular prices will prevail.

Merry Christmas

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

C. Warner, Pastor
To the friends and members of this church, we take this opportunity of saying, "We wish you a joyous Christmas season."

Sunday, December 22, is Christmas Day. We urge that all will make it possible on that occasion to worship in some one of our many churches. The Babe of Bethlehem's Manger.

Our Sunday morning sermon will be "From the Cradle to the Crown," and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, "The Meaning of Christmas."

Special music for the morning service will be an anthem, "The Lord Is Come" by the choir and a duet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Mrs. C. Warner and B. Gerking. For the evening service, an anthem, "Christ Is Born," by the choir and a solo, "Star Of Bethlehem," by Allan Clarke, now a member of Northwest Christian College male quartet.

Because of illness, our Christmas program has been postponed. All

gifts for the "White Gift" should be brought to the church on Sunday.

HERMISTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Grayden D. Loree, Pastor
The title for our Christmas message to be given Sunday morning at 11 o'clock is "I Came". "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son." Gal. 4:4. Christ came at the appointed time to bring peace to troubled hearts in a sin darkened world.

Sunday evening at 7:30 our Sunday School will present the Christmas program. There will be music, recitations, tableaux, and a one-act play entitled, "Tilda's Surprise". The public is cordially invited to attend.

METHODIST CHURCH

Stearns Cushing, Pastor
"And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with an exceeding great joy." These words of the ancient Wise Men will be the basis for the Christmas sermon. With His message of peace and good will, Jes-

us brought a new joy into a saddened world. Today we are living under similar conditions, yet we might know this joy if we would give Christ first place.

The regular services will be held as usual. However, the Christmas program has been canceled due to the prevalent illness in the community.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

S. E. Graves, Pastor
This next Sunday morning we are having a small program in honor of our Lord's birthday.

10:00 A. M., Bible school. "The Birth of Jesus."

11:00 A. M., morning worship. Just before the message, we will have a short program and treats for all the children.

7:30 P. M., evening service. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Bible study.

Don't miss any of these services. We give a hearty welcome to all of these services.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

Contributions for the Hermiston Cheer Fund will be received until Saturday night. To date a total of \$31.00 has been received at the Herald office to be used to spread joy where Santa Claus might not have time to stop this year. Anyone wishing to contribute, either money or in food stuffs, is asked to bring it in by Saturday. Food and clothing should be reported to some minister of the city.

The following is a list of this week's contributors:

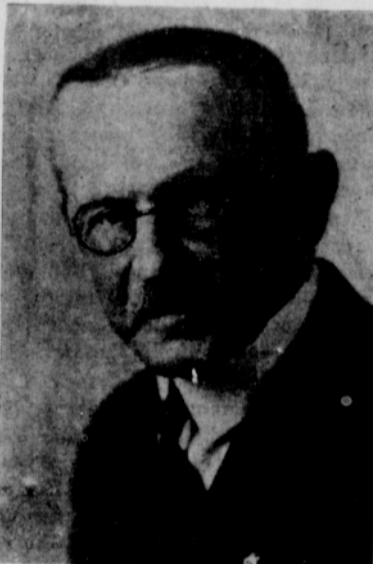
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| Previously reported | \$22.75 |
| A Friend | .25 |
| Mrs. O. C. Pierce | .50 |
| Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Pearson | 3.00 |
| A Friend | 1.00 |
| Miss Snow McCoy | 1.00 |
| Hermiston Food Store | 2.50 |
| Total | \$31.00 |

HALE DECORATES STORE INTERIOR

Hale's Confectionery & Sporting Goods store is resplendent in holiday dress these days. A total of 266 lights were used in making the display of boughs and Christmas tinsel. The setting for the arrangement is ideal among the various heads of big game animals.

In addition to sprucing up his store, Mr. Hale further enters the Christmas spirit each year with a half page advertisement in the Hermiston Herald in which he greets all his friends with a Merry Christmas.

PIONEER PASSES



J. W. MESSNER

SCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE FRIDAY

The Hermiston school Christmas program will be presented Friday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen. The program will be given in three parts: 1. Several numbers by the band; 2. Numbers by the junior high orchestra and glee club; and 3. High school glee clubs will present the cantata, "Music of Bethlehem."

The public is cordially invited to attend the program. The first and third parts of the performance were presented before the Pendleton high school student body Monday afternoon where it was enthusiastically received.

FAIR CROWD AT PUBLIC HEARING P. U. D. DISTRICT

A hearing called by the hydroelectric commission of Oregon with regard to the formation of the West Umatilla People's Utility district was held Friday evening. The commission headed by Chairman George Joseph, first considered the preliminary petitions of voters of the district, finding them in order.

Arguments for and against organization of the district were presented with chairman of the sponsors' committee, H. J. Ott, speaking for the district organization, Mrs. A. E. McFarland summed up the testimony of speakers for the district organization. Among those speaking for the public utility district included the following: Grange Master Myers of Stanfield; J. M. Richards, secretary of the Stanfield Commercial club; Ben Gerking, manager of the Hermiston Mercantile, and Mrs. H. Corwin of Boardman.

Speaking in opposition to the district formation was the Pacific Power & Light company, represented by George Bragg, vice president and general manager; Homer Beale, district manager; D. B. Leonard, merchandise supervisor and Mr. McGilvray, rate engineer.

Chairman Joseph, at the conclusion of the meeting, stated that the commission will render a complete report within 120 days from the date of the meeting. A fair sized crowd was in attendance.

Heppner Game Is Postponed

The high school basketball team will not go to Heppner tonight (Thursday) for a regularly scheduled game.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES THIS WEEK FOLLOWING ILLNESS

MANY YEARS IN IRRIGATION WORK

J. W. Messner, general manager of the Westland Irrigation district for approximately 30 years, passed away in Portland last Thursday, December 12, following a lingering illness of several months. Although he had not been feeling too well for some weeks, he did not suffer until the final week when he failed quite fast.

Owing to a change in arrangements the last few days, Mr. Messner was buried in Portland. Because of the fact that the date was somewhat indefinite, no Hermiston citizens attended the services.

Mr. Messner was instrumental in organizing the Western Land and Irrigation Co. in 1908. He was associated in this venture by Dr. W. J. Staphish of Walla Walla and Elmer Cleaver of Pendleton. This company paid the Hinkle Ditch Co. \$150,000 for its interests. It then made a contract with H. G. Newport to complete the present system of main canals.

Mr. Messner served as general manager of the district from that date until about two years ago when his health forced him to give up strenuous work. Since then he has been a familiar figure on the streets of Hermiston, also spending much time in Portland.

A great change took place in the Westland district during the tenure of his office. He saw a desert wasteland turned into prosperous farms and well planned irrigation ditches. He weathered the storm through several depressions and was ever noted for his willingness to face the facts.

With the passing of J. W. Messner, another milestone is reached in the history of Hermiston.

BURK RETURNS FROM EASTERN JOURNEY

Charles Burk has now satisfied his lust for wandering and is again back at his place of business. He returned home Saturday from a two months trip which took him to many eastern states where he visited relatives and friends. Charlie says that he had his eye open for a prospective spot but didn't realize until he came home that he was going to be in the midst of proposed activities.

His first stop was in Pittsburg where he visited relatives. He continued on to Washington, D. C., New York City, back to Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, and then visited his mother and other relatives in Denver. At the latter place he accidentally met a brother of George Strohm of Hermiston who operates the Troy Hotel there. Mr. Burk made the trip by train and bus.

DAN LINDSAY BUYS BRICK BUILDING

Dan Lindsay of Lexington is the new owner of the brick building across the tracks which has been owned by the City of Hermiston for the past few years. Mr. Lindsay's bid of \$1450 was high among the five bidders present for the auction which was held in the office of the city recorder.

It is reported that Mr. Lindsay has no immediate plans for the building but plans to rebuild it for business locations downstairs and apartments upstairs as soon as the weather is more suitable.

Early Copy Is Requested

Correspondents and advertisers of The Herald are requested to get material in early next week in order that much of the type can be set early in the week. The paper will be published Thursday night as usual, but the Herald force will enjoy Christmas day with relatives. Correspondents are asked to mail their news notes not later than Monday night.

Conservation Meeting Scheduled

The local meeting of the Umatilla county agricultural conservation association will be held in the Legion hall Friday, December 20, at 1:30 p. m. County officers will be present to discuss the 1941 program. An election of committeemen will also be held. Farmers of the district are urged to attend.

